

**GREATER LAFAYETTE AREA TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT STUDY
TECHNICAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 21, 2022**

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VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

John "Woody" Ricks	Tippecanoe County Sheriff Department
David Griffee (proxy for Jeromy Grenard)	City of Lafayette
Ben Anderson	City of West Lafayette
Scott Anderson	Lafayette Police Department
Scott Chandler (proxy for Bill Smith)	INDOT
Adam Keyster (proxy for Adam Baxmeyer)	Purdue University Airport
Mike Spencer (proxy for Stu Kline)	Tippecanoe County Highway

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Phillip S. Dunston	Joint Transportation Research Program
Jason Philhower	West Lafayette Police Department
Bryan Smith	GLPTC

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Buck	BF&S
Colin Sullivan	BF&S
David Hittle	Area Plan Commission
Aria Staiger	Area Plan Commission
Tim Stroshine	Area Plan Commission

Tim Stroshine called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tim Stroshine entertained a motion to approve the November 16, 2022 meeting minutes.

Mike Spencer moved to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2022 meeting. Dave Griffee seconded, and the minutes, as submitted, were approved by unanimous voice vote.

II. ACCESS PERMITS

A: INDOT Permits

Scott Chandler referred to the permit listing. There is a minor commercial permit with the Gothra Family Companies on State Road 38, just west of Creasy Lane, that is awaiting review comments from November. He is unsure why this is progressing slowly. The fuel convenience store on US 52 and State Route 28 is progressing well. The permit on Newman Road roundabout will be closed out and INDOT will continue to work with West Lafayette officials. The Speedway at US 52 and Veterans Parkway has been delayed for unknown reasons but is expected to start again in quarter three of 2023. All other projects are progressing along nicely and include Anvil 38, Yeager Road, Domino's, Love's truck stop and Klondike Middle School. He offered to answer any questions.

III. AMEND THE FY 2022-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

A. Tippecanoe: \$1,220,000 funding swap for Yeager Road project

Tim Stroshine explained this amendment is for the county project along Yeager Road. The project is on track for a January 19th bid letting. The required cost exceeds our annual allocation of funding. To make up for the deficit, APC has planned to make a funding trade with another MPO. The Area Plan Commission has reached an agreement with the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission. We will borrow some of their money this year, and then repay it back to them in fiscal year 2024. We are seeking approval of this amendment to send on to the MPO Policy Board for their review and approval.

Mike Spencer moved to recommend approval of this TIP amendment. Ben Anderson seconded, and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

IV. APC PROGRESS REPORT

A. MPO UPDATE

i. Thoroughfare Plan Amendment: New Collector Designation

Tim Stroshine explained that the 2050 MTP identifies areas of future residential and employment growth. One of those areas is south of Lafayette, near Concord Road. Within this area, there are two new subdivisions in the development process that will add a significant number of residential units. Currently the planned number is 1,000 new residential units. In addition to this, we are expecting some employment growth in this area. The growth in this area is occurring a bit sooner than was anticipated. We are introducing a new north-south collector road to allow for better traffic movement in that area. An approximate proposed location was shown on screen. The northernmost boundary would be Veterans Memorial Parkway and the southernmost boundary would be County Road 600 South. Development is anticipated on both sides of this proposed collector road. It is important to note that there is limited driveway access along Veterans Memorial, so this proposed intersection will provide new access. This proposed collector road was not identified in the 2050 MTP or Thoroughfare Plan. We would like to designate it through this amendment and add it to our plan to eventually have it added into the Comprehensive Plan.

Ben Anderson moved to recommend approval of this Thoroughfare Plan amendment. Scott Chandler seconded, and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Adam Keyster joined the meeting at 2:10pm.

ii. Amtrak Proposed Passenger Rail Service Increase

David Hittle provided an update to a meeting that was convened by the City of Lafayette. Attendance included the City of Lafayette, City of West Lafayette, Chamber of Commerce, County Commissioners, Area Plan Commission, and other interested parties along with Amtrak. This meeting was to discuss the opportunity for an unprecedented amount of passenger rail funding being available. Tippecanoe County and its resources were largely responsible for the Hoosier State Line lasting as long as it did. There was a study in 2019, commissioned by INDOT, with input from stakeholders in Greater Lafayette, that identifies an opportunity to bring back rail service from Indianapolis to Chicago. From this initial meeting, there has been a determination to have another meeting involving elected officials, Indianapolis MPO and INDOT to discuss the next steps and potentially seek the rail funding that is available.

Tim Stroshine added that this is exciting to see. As the Area Plan Commission, we are happy to see more multimodal options for the community.

iii. Annual Commuting Trends

Tim Stroshine presented a commuting trend graphic, illustrating an overview of the number of workers within Tippecanoe County who commute out of the county for work and the top five counties that send workers into Tippecanoe County. The information presented is based on Indiana tax returns for year 2020. Carroll County is the most significant contributor of workers into Tippecanoe County, whereas out of state locations are slightly ahead of Marion County for receiving people who live in Tippecanoe County but

commute for work. Overall, we have many more people coming into the county for employment than we do for those leaving the county to work elsewhere. A historical tabular form of this data is also available, allowing one to track the trends back to 2010. This report is available online.

iv. South Street Road Safety Audit Crash Heatmap

Tim Stroshine referred to the heatmap that Senior Transportation Planner Doug Poad created. This graphic is part of an ongoing effort for a road safety audit on South Street between Sagamore Parkway and Interstate 65. This area of roadway is the focus of becoming more multimodal, making it more transit and pedestrian friendly. The audit also looks at reconstruction and improving overall safety. The largest hotspot is the Creasy Lane and South Street intersection. As one travels closer to I-65, there is almost a continuous line of traffic incidents represented on this heatmap. The right turn lanes off the interstate result in many rear-end accidents, by far the prevailing crash type in those two locations. The road safety audit will continue with more analysis and field work in the spring of 2023.

Mike Spencer asked for a guess of what the traffic count is on that road.

Tim Stroshine said it depends on the exact location but can easily reach 20,000 vehicles in several places. He was unsure if any locations reach 30,000 vehicles. Doug Poad may have that information.

Scott Chandler said INDOT will be with APC on this study and would certainly want to be involved in the areas by Interstate 65.

Tim Stroshine said they have started a stakeholder list and have included Tim Watson and a couple of other INDOT representatives. He is willing to add additional contacts.

Scott Chandler said INDOT did a road safety audit recently with State Road 26 and believes the contact list from that project would be great to include in this study.

v. 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Proposed Projects

Tim Stroshine reminded the committee that the next Transportation Improvement Program is currently being developed. A draft project list from INDOT was presented on screen. There is a significant amount of work going on in the community, including bridge work, drainage, HMA overlays and work on the State Road 225 bridge. District-wide projects include signal installation, signing and ITS improvements. This is not a finalized list.

Tim Stroshine presented the draft list of local projects for the City of Lafayette, City of West Lafayette, and the County. The Big 4 Trail is included in the City of Lafayette's proposed list of projects. A very significant project for Soldiers Home Road is included for West Lafayette. The County has several bridge projects on the list and a proposed trail near Harrison High School on 600 North and 50 West. City Bus has included operating assistance and capital projects, but their funding comes from FTA. This is a preliminary project list and there is not enough money to do all these projects. At the January meeting, the list will be prioritized, and the committee will financially constrain the TIP. An initial proposal will be presented with how the funding might be best allocated. We will take questions, comments, and concerns and then make revisions at the January meeting.

B. INDOT 18-Month Letting List

Tim Stroshine started with the bid letting results. There were two projects on US 231, HMA overlay and auxiliary passing lanes, that were not awarded. The bids were above the engineers estimate and the project will be re-bid. A new signal installation along US 52 was awarded to Midwestern Electric LLC. This project was over the engineer's estimate but was under one million dollars total and was considered awardable. There was a significant amount of letting on December 7th, including the McCutcheon pedestrian safety project. There are a couple of projects slated for next month, one of those being Yeager Road. One change

of date was made to the US 52 auxiliary lanes project (#11), moving it from a March 15 letting to April 12, 2023. Letting dates for July 2023 begin the fiscal year 2024.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were none.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be January 18, 2023.

Ben Anderson moved to adjourn. Scott Chandler seconded, and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristina Lamb
Recording Secretary

Reviewed By,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hittle". The signature is stylized with a horizontal line under the first name and a horizontal line under the last name, with a small dot above the 'i' in Hittle.

David L. Hittle
Executive Director